

Project Name: Urban Health Resource Centre (formerly EHP-India)
Agreement Type: Cooperative Agreement – Field Support
Duration: October 2005-September 2008
National with focus in the states of Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand,
Geographic Scope: Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh
Technical Assistance Agencies: GSM
Implementing Agency: Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC)

DESCRIPTION:

Urban Health Resource Centre (formerly EHP-India) which began operations in March 2002, quickly developed into a nationally recognized public health resource. Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC) works to bring about sustainable improvements in maternal and child health conditions among the urban poor through a consultative and knowledge sharing approach in partnership with National and State Governments, NGOs, public and private sector health providers, the corporate sector and communities. UHRC strives to increase and improve accessibility of the urban health knowledge; advocates and networks to promote better and increased resources allocated for urban health.

The Urban Health resource Centre (UHRC) was incorporated as a non-profit institution from the Environmental Health Project (EHP) – India office and started operations on October 31st 2005. UHRC continues the urban health activities of EHP through continued USAID support.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Provide Technical Assistance to strengthen Urban Health programming and capacities of functionaries at different levels and among Govt. (such as RCH II/NRHM) and Non-Government partners to enhance reach to underserved settlements.
- Provide City Level Technical Assistance, develop demonstration programs and carry out research activities in diverse cities focusing on improving health of the urban poor, to facilitate utilization of learning from these sites in government and non-government programs.
- Generate, compile and disseminate urban health information to address knowledge gaps and utilize such urban poor specific information to enhance attention on 'health of the urban poor' among government and non-government stakeholders and academic institutions through advocacy efforts.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Demonstration city programs fully functional in Indore and Agra.
- Evolved into a nodal technical assistance agency to Urban Health component of national RCH program of GOI.
- Provided technical assistance for the development of model urban health proposals (for RCH II) for 3 cities (Dehradun, Haridwar and Haldwani) in Uttaranchal, Bally (West Bengal), Agra (UP), Shahdara North and Narela (Delhi).
- Provided TA to development of National Guidelines for Developing City level Slum Health programmes .
- Supported Govt. of India in facilitating the National Task Force to advise NRHM on strategies for urban health care and compilation of its recommendations.
- Reanalysis of NFHS 2 (DHS) data by Standard of Living Index has provided insights into the health conditions of the urban poor
- Prepared 'State of Urban Health' reports for Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan for better informing programmers and policy makers about health of the urban poor in the respective states.
- Published eleven articles on urban health in peer-reviewed journals
- Advocated for increased attention to health of the urban poor through over 40 presentations at various international and national conferences / seminars.

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